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David Johnston ... is Movin' Along



June 1st I'm heading out across Canada to teach all the 'social justice' people the legal process of establishing municipal public tenting zones. I am a rare character and expert on the subject. Presuming that the outcome is going to be the initiation of public tenting zones in every city in the Commonwealth, this is news.

It seems not many are aware that, as of 2008, it is now legal to set up tents in parks, at night, in Victoria, BC (not yet during the day because of some vampiric spin-doctoring to avoid tent-cities... hence the inspiration to travel to all the other provinces to let them know how to avoid the day/night issue when they set out to make their municipal tenting zones Constitutionally recognized).



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masters whose decisions impact the lives of everyone on the planet, whether we want it or not, is a most welcome change of pace.

The first few years I watched, laughing the uncertain laugh that accompanies the realization of the depth of our current crises. Then one year I volunteered as Kermit the Frog Pianist, accompanying Miss Piggy and her operatic version of the opening number – “Assholes on Parade.” The last couple of years I’ve been on the stage as an actor, and every year I’m grateful to the Piggy team for producing another wonderfully entertaining and informative afternoon of freely accessible fun.

This year was the 15th. Miss Piggy guided us through the four award categories and their associated skits and songs, following the Grand Opening song, “How Can We Sleep At Night” written by the Berrymans and performed by Naomi Simpson and Art Farquharson.

In the *Real Pigs Have Curves* category, youngsters Sage Broomfield and Naomei Flis von Rucker shed light on the tragedy of women’s insecurity about their physical bodies, and the great lengths they’ll go to make themselves into something artificial. Karl Legerfeld, the man who criticized singer Adele for being too curvy, won the category over the Bridalplasty Television series (where brides compete for their wedding day plastic surgery dreams), and Allergan Incorporated, who make Botox. Following the award, Asia Wolfe portrayed Adele singing, magnificently, “Mute the Newt.”



Nominees for the *Pigs in Wonderland Award* included the TransCanada Pipeline for attempting the Keystone XL through the Ogallala Aquifer, Lockheed Martin Corporation for their sale of F-35 Stealth fighter jets to Canada, Walmart Inc. for selling outsourced goods and services with minimum wage jobs and substandard working conditions, and the big winners – neo-con governments with neo-liberal economics that ended the middle class dream, with Free Trade agreements transferring manufacturing jobs to ‘developing’ nations, while selling off natural resources at bargain basement prices to the upper 1 per cent.

Following the *Pigs in Wonderland Award*, Bruce Brackney recited “The People are a River” by Irene Paull and “Stupid’s Song,” attributed to Carl Sandburg and Utah Phillips.

The *Pigs on the Run Award*, for excellence in exporting jobs, included nominee Caterpillar Inc. who first demanded a 50% pay cut from their London Ontario employees, then moved the factory to Muncie Indiana where they took advantage of so-called “right to work” (anti-union) laws and hired non-union workers, all the while making a huge profit. Ironically, last election, Stephen Harper gave a speech at CAT’s Locomotive plant, promoting his “job producing” corporate tax cuts. He didn’t lie, he did produce jobs – non-union lower-paying jobs with fewer rights and benefits - in Muncie Indiana.

Barclay’s Bank (UK) were also nominated in this category, for firing hundreds of employees in 2011 after announcing profits of 18 billion dollars. Those jobs were relocated in India and, adding insult to injury, Barclay’s sent several of their laid off British employees to India to train their own replacements for the new jobs.

just another rant

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I don’t recall the year I first witnessed Victoria’s Corporate Golden Piggy Awards, but I’m quite sure I haven’t missed one since first making that delightful discovery.

Working for social justice, peace, and a healthy environment can be tiring and depressing work; watching helplessly year after year, decade after decade, as the overall situation worsens while our simple solutions are ignored or ridiculed. An opportunity to have a good, clean, satirical laugh at the puppet



Despite these outstanding piggie efforts David Lewis, executive director of the BC Truck Loggers Association, won the *Pigs on the Run Award* hands down for the rapid elimination of BC’s forests as raw log exports and the subsequent loss of industry

related jobs.

It’s estimated that each ship carries two million square meters of logs, equal to about 100 BC jobs. Last year approximately 260 ships full of jobs, er, logs, left our province

destined for China where they’re manufactured into products and shipped right back here where people buy them from places like Ikea or Walmart.

Following this award, Beverley McKeen sang her original song, “Raw Logs Equal Jobs.”

In the *Glow-in-the-Dark Pig Award*, BC Hydro’s billion dollar Smart Meter Project, forcing installation despite significant electro-magnetic related health and invasive surveillance concerns, won easily over the other nominees. Piggie efforts didn’t go unnoticed in this category, though - Rogers Communications forced the Calgary Grace Lutheran Church to uphold a contract it signed permitting construction of a cell tower on their property, even after its neighbours expressed their displeasure and the church changed its mind. The Downtown Victoria Business Association were nominated for their efforts to forge through, without asking the general population how they feel about it, a plan to install Wi-Fi hotspots throughout the streets of downtown Victoria. The free internet service is nice, but many are concerned about the increased health risks of all the additional electromagnetic radiation. The People’s Republic of China were also nominated, for their decision to push ahead with nuclear plant expansion in Chashma, Pakistan using 1970s technology with far fewer safety features than newly designed plants China builds for its own domestic use.

Following this award, the RabbleBerries sang “Everything Glows” to the once popular tune of Cole Porter’s “Anything Goes,” and then all the piggie players joined on stage to sing the final number, American folk song “Hallelujah, I’m a Bum.”

You can watch excerpts from the 2012 Corporate Piggy Awards by searching the ‘GoPigAwardsBC’ or ‘Bandcroft’ accounts at Youtube.com. With apologies to pigs everywhere who, we’re certain, would never behave in such reprehensible ways.

Janine is founder of the Victoria Street Newz, and thankful she can maintain a sense of humour amidst the madness that dominates our current reality.



David Johnston, Movin' Along continued from cover

Beyond looking for help with securing venues and volunteers for local 'facilitation' (putting up posters), I'm hoping to garner as much global notoriety as possible (hence emailing conscientious persons in places off the tour path).

Cheers, peace and patience,

David Arthur Johnston (not the Governor General... though weirdly enough the Commander-in-Chief of Canada and I also share the same birthday).

Mission Statement of the 2012 'Municipal Public Tenting Zone' Cross-Canada Speaking Tour

On Friday, June 1st, 2012 predominant expert in Canadian Law regarding the Constitutionally affirmed right to perform life sustaining activities in public when it is unreasonable to be expected to have the option of doing them in private, and author of The Right to Sleep: Breaking the Crown's Demonically Naive Monopoly on Dreams, David Arthur Johnston, will set out on a journey that will bring him to the hearts of each province's social justice communities.

He will then convey, not only the life experience of dancing with a 'necessarily' psychotic governance and how the seemingly cursed knowledge of patience makes you too smart to go insane, but more specifically, the names of the two expert witnesses, and where to look for links and .pdfs of the BC Supreme and Appeals Court Reasons for Judgements on the 'Adams' case. That case was made famous in 2008 because it denied the Corporation of the City of Victoria's section 1 claim (section 1 being a 'reasonable' deprivation of life) that all parks were too precious to sleep in, and subsequently putting the City in a position where it could not legally defend prohibiting people from setting up tents parks and public access spaces, during the night (hence the inclusion of the names of the expert witnesses, as they may have to be questioned on the Constitutionality of systematic mandatory enforceable non-sleeping moments).

With his experience David is as qualified as any could be in understanding the path to Charter recognized and Constitutionally compliant municipal public tenting zones. At least, the path to knowing the point when you have nothing else to lose, in their abject denial.

So, in a series of bookings leading from major urban center to major urban center David, and potentially a friend, will hitch hike from Victoria to Halifax, documenting the entire process online, as it happens. (I'm thinking to replace smoking with the 'smart' phone my mother is affording me). Leaving June 1st, the tour could be expected to finish before August.

What You Can Do

We need people, in and around the suggested locations on the map provided below and around the times suggested, to-

- secure a venue (libraries, churches, classrooms, auditoriums, etc, pot luck, punk show, etc),
- help with some strategic poster, online and not (poster will be made final when there are 9 or 10 confirmations- they will not be announced beyond naming the city until then),
- there may be occasion where places to crash, and/or shower, and/or do laundry would be heart-wrenchingly awesome,
- donations of gift cards will not be argued with (money will not be accepted),
- means and opportunities (loving thought and prayer).

Basic Information Package

The two expert witnesses- the doctor stating that sleep is necessary to live -

"[67] Dr. Stephen Hwang of the Department of Medicine, University of Toronto provided an expert opinion. Dr. Hwang is a specialist in general internal medicine with training in public health and epidemiology. His primary research interests are homelessness and health, access to home care for homeless persons and housing as a determinant of population health. The opinion that Dr. Hwang provided is as follows:

People who become homeless often have physical and mental health problems which worsen over the period that they are homeless. This deterioration in health is related to numerous factors, including a lack of stable housing, an

adverse social environment, the near impossibility of maintaining health-promoting behaviours in the face of homelessness, and barriers to accessing appropriate health care. The state of being homeless also has direct adverse effects on health through an increased exposure to infectious and communicable diseases (e.g., tuberculosis and insect infestations such as bed bugs and scabies) and an increased risk of violence and victimization while living in shelters and on the street. For those living outside, exposure to the elements can lead to a number of serious and potentially life-threatening conditions. Homeless people are at risk for severe sunburn and heatstroke during the summer months. During cold weather, frostbite and hypothermia are major problems.

Homeless people often suffer from sleep deprivation due to an inadequate number of hours of sleep, as well as disturbed or fragmented sleep. For homeless people sleeping outside, sleep fragmentation is often related to external stimuli, such as bright lights, loud noises, and intentional efforts by other people to awaken or disturb them. A large body of research evidence has shown that inadequate sleep has numerous adverse health effects, including an increased risk of diabetes, cardiovascular disease, obesity, depression, and injuries, as well as the more commonly recognized problems of impaired alertness, attention, and concentration.

If homeless people who sleep outside are prohibited from erecting even the most rudimentary forms of shelter from the elements (e.g. tent, tarpaulin, or cardboard barriers), this would have clear and direct adverse impacts on their health. First, a lack of protection from wind and rain would increase the wind chill effect, which would greatly increase the risk of hypothermia. As has been documented in the research literature, homeless people are at particularly high risk of death from hypothermia, and half of all such deaths occur when the air temperature is above freezing ("Accidental hypothermia and death from cold in urban areas," International Journal of Biometeorology, 1991). The wind chill effect plays a key role in such deaths. Second, prolonged exposure to cold and dampness increases the risk of skin breakdown and skin infections, particularly in the feet. In homeless people, exposure of the feet to wet and cold conditions can lead to immersion foot or trench foot, a serious condition that was first described among soldiers serving in the trenches during World War I. Third, recent research has shown that exposure to the cold increases the risk of developing respiratory tract infections, which are a major health problem among people experiencing homelessness. Fourth, a lack of shelter from the sun would greatly increase homeless people's risk of severe sunburn and heatstroke during the summer months. Fifth, the lack of a tent or other structure to provide even a minimal degree of protection from the elements, light, and noise would result in even more disturbed and fragmented sleep, with the adverse health effects detailed above.

In summary, if homeless people who sleep outside are prohibited from erecting any form of shelter such as a tent, tarpaulin, or cardboard box, it is absolutely clear that this would have a substantial and potentially severe adverse effect on their health."

And the survival expert saying what is the basic necessity of reasonable sleeping-

"[68] Brooks Hogya, a wilderness guide and primary care paramedic, provided an expert opinion concerning the health risks associated with sleeping outdoors, how these risks can be minimized and the sufficiency of individual, non-structural, water repellent covers with respect to these risks. Mr. Hogya's opinion is as follows:

Hypothermia

The normal core temperature of the human body is 37° Celsius. If the body temperature drops to 35° Celsius or below a person is at risk of developing hypothermia. Hypothermia can occur at any time of the year, including summer months, particularly when it is raining or below freezing, but there is, of course a much higher risk in winter.

Individuals who are malnourished or dehydrated are at greater risk of hypothermia. In order to prevent hypothermia it is important to have proper clothing and equipment, to stay dry, and to have sufficient caloric and fluid intake.

With respect to equipment, when sleeping outdoors, at a minimum one should have extra clothing, a sleeping bag, a ground insulator in the form of a Theramarest™ or closed cell foam pad, and overhead protection in the form of a tent, or a bivy sack and tarp. A bivy sack is a waterproof fabric shell designed to slip over a sleeping bag, providing additional insulation and forming an effective barrier against wind and rain. A tarp is then strung over the bivy sack forming a tent-like protection. The size of the tarp required would depend on weather conditions. For example, a 2m x 3m tarp may suffice in mild weather, while a 4m x 4m tarp may be required in stormy weather conditions.

Sleeping on the ground causes significant conductive heat loss to the body. A sleeping bag on its own is not sufficient to protect against this. Thus it is important to have insulation under a sleeping bag in the form of a Theramar-est™ or closed cell foam.

In the wilderness we always avoid sleeping on rock whenever possible. Sleeping on a surface such as rock or concrete accelerates conductive heat loss. A body will never warm up rock or concrete. The rock or concrete will keep sucking heat from the body. It is imperative to have good insulation if sleeping on such a surface.

After having appropriate gear, keeping nourished is the most important way to guard against hypothermia. Most adults living in a climate controlled environment utilize about 1,500 to 2,500 calories a day. Sleeping on the ground, without proper insulation and protection, can burn a few thousand calories, or more the colder and less protected the person is overnight.

In my experience as a wilderness guide, I have dealt with mild hypothermia on many occasions. The early signs of hypothermia include feeling cold, shivering and malaise. It is imperative that one take action right away to prevent this progressing. When caught in the early stage [a] person's body temperature can be warmed up by applying heat to the body (for example applying hot water bottles), wrapping the body in more blankets or sleeping bag, and feeding hot food and liquids.

There is also a risk of frostbite in winter conditions when the temperature drops below 0° Celsius, or at higher temperatures in windy conditions. Frostbite occurs when the skin is exposed to cold. Skin exposed to wind cools more dramatically and frostbite can occur in temperatures when it is windy and below freezing.

There is little risk of contracting heatstroke (hyperthermia) in Victoria, except it [sic] perhaps on a few occasions in extremely hot weather. However, even in the summer there is risk of hypothermia developing if one were to get wet on cool a night. It is still important to have proper equipment when sleeping outside in the summer.

Is a simple, individual, nonstructural, weather repellant cover such as a sleeping bag, blanket or other soft material sufficient protection from the elements when sleeping outside in Victoria?

In my opinion a simple, individual, nonstructural, weather repellant cover such [as] a sleeping bag, blanket or other soft material is not sufficient protection from the elements when sleeping outside in Victoria, or anywhere in our West Coast climate, except perhaps on the warmest of dry summer nights. To safely sleep outside in this climate one requires appropriate protection in the form of a tent or other structure to protect against rain, wind and snow. In addition, ground insulation is necessary to protect against conductive heat loss."



We will protect our rivers from Enbridge oil



The Enbridge Pipeline project is very much in the national and provincial news, but could use more coverage in the local media.

This is a project that is going to dominate public discourse for some time, and although the hearings up north have just started, the federal government's game plan is already getting a tad suspect.

The public needs a hearing and decision process that is free from attacks on the citizens and organizations which are placing their views before the panel. The Harper government appears not to be content with just stacking the deck by appointing panel members, none of whom have any credibility in the environmental arena; by welcoming many millions of fossil fuel industry lobbying dollars, much of it foreign; and by having the vociferous support of pro tanker groups such as the C.D. Howe Institute and the Fraser Institute, who also utilize foreign donations.

No, the federal government has also decided to attack any presenter on the "no" side who is a member of any group which has received any help from non-Canadian sources, however minimal. In addition, those on the "no" side are called unpatriotic and enemies of progress. No doubt, if history repeats itself, if and when civil disobedience takes center stage, participants will also be portrayed as terrorists, the lazy unemployed and professional protesters. I remember this well from 1993 at the Clayoquot.

The Prime Minister has made it very clear what answer he wants from the Panel. He will countenance no opposition, whatever the consequences, whatever the evidence. We would be wise to pay close attention to this matter and utilize critical analysis of all the lobbyists involved, and yes, who is paying their way and why, as we will be living with the results for a long, long time.

Dave Cutts, Nanaimo

The Occupy Movement and the Guaranteed Livable Income

The Occupy Movement has the potential to create great change. What was previously considered impossible is now possible.

The Guaranteed Livable Income (GLI) is one of these 'impossible dreams.' Senator Hugh Segal has reported that a GLI would cost approximately \$200 billion dollars.

The GLI can be paid for by redistribution of our wealth.

Canada generates great wealth from its people and our natural resources. Yet we have homelessness and large numbers of Canadians living in poverty. We could correct these problems by distributing our wealth more evenly by introducing the GLI.

We can pay for the \$200 billion by addressing the vast, growing, wealth gap between our 1%ers and We the 99%ers. Additional funds could be reallocated to the GLI by redirecting the Department of National Defence back to peacekeeping. Many other reallocations could be made.

We 99%ers could make this happen.

In a democracy where each citizen has a vote, We 99%ers could form our own People's Government and introduce the Guaranteed Livable Income. It sounds so easy - and it can be so.

Gerry Masuda, Duncan

Poverty Erodes Mental Health

I live in Victoria on a disability pension. I worked my entire life and now at the ripe old age of 55 I am discarded from a life of even simple comforts. After the rent on my 400 sq ft shack my PWD leaves me with no disposable income and a slow but sure economic death. The April pay period is five long weeks for me to try to live on \$144.00.

35 days = \$4 a day minus cost of prescription meds that are not covered = SHIT

Not having any money to budget for food requires me to make the soup kitchen rounds and food banks. These life saving services take time and energy and leave me feeling useless and un-needed.

Without a purpose or the means to acquire a goal beyond the next meal, life becomes something to endure and is devoid of hope. I have been on the BC housing wait list for two years and am apparently no closer to affordable shelter. 80% of my pension goes to my housing and I am told this is the way things will be until I die!

This poverty existence is eroding what is left of my mental health. Without the basic necessities I have had to terminate all of my former relationships as it is impossible to maintain one without the means to reciprocate financially in social settings. Without a social network the probability of good health sharply declines. Alone and without purpose or hope of improving my circumstance I fall further into despair.

The idea of jail becomes more and more attractive as a last ditch effort to have some kind of life. They feed you don't they?

Ajan Koie, Victoria

A Charitable Donation to Your Programme

I am the Chair of the Board of the Capital Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Victoria. This is a small congregation of about 50 members and numerous friends.

Out of a desire to contribute to the community at large, we have started a project whereby we give a percentage of our collection to a different charity each month. This kind of programme is in place in several Unitarian congregations across Canada. Charities are suggested by our members and selected as making an important difference in peoples' lives.

This month your programme was selected. Therefore, please find enclosed a cheque to be used as you see fit for the good of your programme.

We have no expectation of any particular response. However, any comments you do provide will be gratefully shared with our members during one of the services.

I have enclosed a brochure to tell you a little bit about us. Our website is also in the above letterhead.

Take care,

CAPITAL UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CONGREGATION

Writers Write

by cyann ray

Writers write. And for this aging boomer, that involves a pen and paper. Unfortunately some undiagnosed nerve pain has prevented me from taking pen to page for the past year. And while the necessity of pain meds has me a little concerned, it is this loss of writing ability that truly upsets me. I feel congested. And I'm angry and frustrated with my hands for letting me down. After failing to submit an article for VSN several months in a row, editor-in-chief Janine eloquently expressed to me that most writers are now using keyboards to write. I'm familiar with the concept. But for me, the typewriter, now computer, is how I typed up my "good copy." Composing has always been done by hand.

My June/11 article ("Healthcare Dollars and Sense") was my maiden voyage composing from scratch on the keyboard. Informative but verbose, I found the end result too chatty and in need of serious editing. And I discovered what I had always assumed... typing is not writing. And composing at a keyboard is a learned process. Turning thoughts into words was effortless during those early years using crayons and scrap paper, and continued to be a breeze for the 50 years of writing that followed. Now there is a consciousness that never before existed.

But writers write and hands wear out. If I wish to continue using this medium for expression, I must become more comfortable at the computer. Having this monthly publication in my life has helped on many levels. The artist in the writer can often get lost in the magic of language leaving content by the wayside. Replacing personalized, handwritten script with the static print of typing removes much of the art and changes the craft of writing. It becomes more about content.

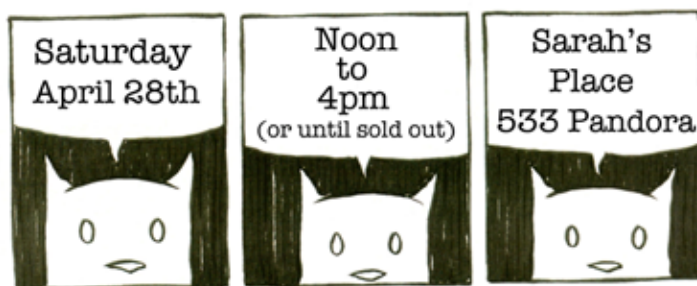
I have written 53 op/eds (opinion editorials) for *Victoria Street Newz* since the paper's inception. Last night Janine hosted a lovely gathering at the Solstice Cafe celebrating 8 years in publication. The paper has improved the lives of everyone affiliated with it. From satisfying the precious ego of the writer as artist (!), to learning about alternative healthcare and unjust social policies, I appreciate the personal growth that my work with Janine has spurred. For helping with my journey into the computer age and expanding my socio-political understanding, VSN has been invaluable to me. Each writer and vendor carries their own stories about working with this publication, but I think we'd all agree it's been a great journey!

For this writer, being able to vent frustration over the corporate systems that literally feed us has been most satisfying. Writers need to know they're being heard. In my angst-filled teen years I wrote: "To write is to speak...to be read is to be heard." Nobody wants to live a life in proverbial silence. We all need to share our experiences and know we matter in some way to someone. Writers are instrumental in recording the stories of our lives. Even those who have for whatever reason, put down the pen, we continue to express thru words. We write.

Let me close this piece with my favorite quote on writing: "True ease in writing comes from art, not chance ... As those move easiest who have learned to dance" (Alexander Pope). While I long to hold a pen painfree and fill blank paper with thought, I am grateful that I'm still able to move my ideas onto page. That's what writing is really all about.

WORLDWIDE VEGAN BAKE SALE

- Proceeds to fund the Victoria Vegan Festival
- There will be a raffle! Lots of prizes!!



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These chains have got to be broken. Time to bring some dignity to the situation.

That title came from Christopher Lee Sandham, I interviewed him for “Taking The Fall.” I was walking from dinner at Our Place the other day and I saw him pass on his bike, I smiled all big, and, what a beautiful smile that formed on his face and came beaming back at me.

Two seconds later he came around again that smile still beaming off his face all bright like and he stated the above.

When asked, why do you do street level activism? There’s your answer.

It works. It builds community because we meet. Food Not Bombs builds community

simply because it is a place to share food, to supper together. Aids Vancouver Island has many shared meals for folks to come together and build and strengthen their communities. Floyd’s Diner has taken on with others a wonderful community supper, many housed and unhoused attended this great community event. Simply, for us to share a meal together across difference, housed and homeless. It works if you work it.

There is a great concern over the homeless situation, and, sadly, many are reactive in regards to the topic, me too. We have BIG feelings about “poverty” which are often confusing and tear us apart.

We are more aware of how we support a system that is luring, destructive, violent and tells us we are powerless to change. It screams so many demands at us on TV and media that we need professionals to help guide us through. Police to protect us. Most are too busy to “get involved.” Most hide behind beliefs based on isolated experiences and allow TV to fill in the rest. We are scared.

Suddenly like “the hundredth monkey” (read the book) a special interest group formed here in Victoria naming itself the “Good Neighborhood Agreement.” A local grass roots group, the Committee To End Homelessness Victoria does a documentary on the state of homelessness, the police state, and our solutions. Reverend Al Tysick leaves Our Place and forms Victoria Dandelion Society, and the Belfry Theatre announces a homelessness project using Verbatim Theatre. All of this happened in the last couple of poverty pimping years.

We also had a BIG Olympic party. Many still suffer the consequences of 10 billion being wasted. Many were dislocated. Salmon farms threaten our wild salmon, Enbridge crisis escalates, the judicial system and its police come under the biggest moral attack in our Canadian history as the Missing Women’s Inquiry moves forward, our local police force under Jamie Graham gets a HORRIBLE report card Internationally and temporary poverty pimping institutions are built while there are far too many empty buildings all over Victoria. Reverend Al suggests that there are pretty much the same numbers on the streets as there were a couple years ago?

Our Place is under new rules and regulations, and many on the street are strongly suggesting they change their name. One of the biggest noticeable changes is how it is common now to have police in the courtyard, on a daily basis, especially over meal times. I saw two officers come in downstairs, no staff escorting them, they approached a female, the female officer stated something to her and, the woman, looking suddenly distressed, had to go into the bathroom with the officer following. THERE WAS NO STAFF WITH THE OFFICER! I cannot express how unprofessional that is, how intimidating for this woman! I was so angered! There should be a witness in there with her, for her safety. On another day, two other non uniformed went right up into the eating area, looking out over us all, searching, NO STAFF ESCORTING THEM.

I worked front line for almost 20 years. Treatment, halfway house, detox and an emergency shelter, I have never seen such unprofessional behaviors when it comes to rapport with police. Like Rock Bay Landing, I wonder when the cop shop is gonna set up at Our Place.

At Rock Bay Landing last week for follow up filming for “Taking The Fall,” I had a conversation with a 50-60 year old indigenous woman who was curled up under a tree across from Rock Bay Shelter. I offered her tobacco and asked why she was on the ground, she stated there was “nowhere to sit inside, not enuff chairs means they’re always full and the floors are disgusting.” She cried the whole time she shared her story. It helps us all to consider why we need to allow a person to sleep under a tree!

Just for the record, our Committee To End Homelessness Victoria, which has been meeting at Our Place, is discussing whether Our Place is the place for us. We do like to think all street folks, no matter what their stature, can come and eat, partake at the watering hole without police bringing such an oppressive state to the supper table. There may be some who enjoy the police presence, I suggest you invite them over to your house, maybe an open ended invite, so that they can just walk in when ever or for what ever reason they deem necessary.

Our Place can be professional and escort, as well as announce, the presence of police on premises.

Kym Hothead is a visitor on Lkwungen Territory, from Winnipeg Red River Cree Territory, raised by an Acadian, Lorraine Lucille Pelland/Bourque his Mother, and a mystery Father who was M  tis, (Gladue). Kym blogs at web.resist.ca/~askhothead/blog.

Local Filmmaker Brings Street Voices to Big Screen

by Chris Johnson

After nearly two years in production, a film highlighting life on the streets of Victoria finally had its big screen debut.

“Taking The Fall: Life on The Streets” is chapter one in a documentary project filmed, directed and edited by Kym ‘Hothead’ Hines and produced by the Committee to End Homelessness.

While I had a very very minor role in the production of the film (watching a few early drafts and sharing suggestions) this is a project very dear to my heart, and I was incredibly pleased to see it being shared at the Vic Theatre in front of a hundred or more people.

I’ve known Kym since 2007, when we were roommates at the Linden House, a legendary, now defunct, activist house. I’ve been a member of the Committee to End Homelessness off and on for many years. And back when Kym started shooting his documentary, I was also involved in a film project focused on Pandora Green - “The Beautification of Pandora Green.” Kym and I have lunch together at Our Place whenever we see each other there, and we like to ride the bus having loud conversations about poverty, colonialism and other radical topics, just to shake the town up that little bit.

I’d seen various draft versions of the film previously, but it is still an emotional experience to watch people speak about what went down on Pandora Green in 2010 and the kinds of things that continue to happen to homeless people in this city.

While the city trumpets accomplishments housing the hard-to-house through VICOT (Victoria Integrated Community Outreach Team), ACT (Assertive Community Treatment) teams, and the Streets to Homes project, many on the street and in the grassroots anti-poverty community are still licking our wounds after having put months of our lives into fighting the city’s new bylaws targeting camping on Pandora Green, and the ‘beautification’ project that was partly designed to discourage loitering and camping on the green.

This film, I believe, is a great example of the kind of work the Committee to End Homelessness does. Not to be mistaken with the giant Coalition to End Homelessness [later] set up by the city, the Committee is a group of housed and unhoused

people who meet once a week to discuss issues surrounding life on the street and ways of advocating for solutions. The housed allies who sit on this committee, week after week, do an amazing job of making space for people to come share their experiences, and are tireless advocates for the solutions brought up in these meetings. Giving a voice to poor and homeless people is what the committee does best, and the value of this action can’t be understated.

It was good to see all the usual anti-poverty warriors out tonight for this film. Members of the Committee To End Homelessness, the Raging Grannies, VIPIRG, Society of Intravenous Drug Users, Harm Reduction Victoria, Street Newz, Action Committee for People with Disabilities and Food Not Bombs. This is a hardcore group of committed activists who have been going strong for years and show no signs of stopping their advocacy and outreach for the poor and homeless. I always enjoy seeing them and working with them.

The star of the show tonight was the people in the film; people who live on the street, who used to live on the street and who are otherwise involved with the street community. They talk about their interactions with the police, the mental health act, the outreach teams and each other.

In this film, Kym was able to access people who would never talk to another filmmaker and reporter. Not only is Kym part of the community (having lived on the streets himself and rough low-income neighbourhoods and now subsisting on the poverty rations of a disability pension) but he is known on the street as someone who will listen and care and take action, and has the respect of a great many people.

I want to congratulate my friend Kym Hothead on this special occasion. Here are some links about Kym and the film, as well as a link to the projects YouTube page, where you can watch clips from the film.

www.youtube.com/user/thawVictoria/featured
www.vicnews.com/entertainment/143880396.html

Chris Johnson blogs at bullsheet.wordpress.com

Photos: top left from Emma Beaupre. Top right from Bruce Dean, professional recreationalist.



Where Have All the Squeegee Kids Gone?

by Rodney Graham



The answer is simple. They were outlawed. Just about every major city in our nation went to great length to pass laws targeting these citizens. Over the years I've kept in touch with several I interviewed in Winnipeg in the 90s.

One couple have two kids now and are close friends - and I visit them in B.C. every year. Many others have kids of their own now and are doing just fine. In a way these rebels were soldiers of democracy whether they did so purposefully or not.

In the 1990s there were hundreds, if not thousands of traveling kids washing car windows at intersections all across Canada. They were as ubiquitous at major intersections as the Dickie Dee ice cream carts on a hazy city summers day.

People still do it, but they are more likely to be locals who have learned the practice over the years from the pioneering punks. Traveling kids still do it while in transit - Until they are ticketed and hounded out of town.

Why did they do it? Simple again - Lack of resources for youth. Especially for youth who are termed 'fallen through the cracks.' But I would say that there was never a firm foundation to help abused and neglected youth in Canada anyway. The Industry is more like a spiralling route that descends towards your eventual exit. Then you were no longer a 'client.' Having been a homeless youth myself thirty five years ago I had a hell of a time in the system. Panhandling, couch surfing, begging off relatives, and being processed through the revolving doors of the children's aid system then spit out at the age of 16.

One may ask, 'Where do gangs come from?' When society rejects you - you create your own. The squeegee kids were often kids who were mostly abused and neglected kids and they created their own resource. Society's answer for both was and still is equally brutal. Instead of treating them with respect and equality it uses the heartless force of law and the mindless self serving system in place to force them into more desperation and poverty.

The irony of it is that even though these resourceful Canadian kids used this form of self employment and were criminalized for it - they benefited others in each town and city they went to and were kicked out of.

They've done more to improve the democracy in our nation than most of us ever will. Local people of all ages across Canada now go out and squeegee for spare change - Because they saw the squeegee punks do it. There are a few more resources as a result (But still not enough) front line resources for homeless youth. There's one in Winnipeg where kids can seek resources for jobs and use computers and phones. They stirred up activists and got them talking about the issues of youth homelessness. In this way, in my opinion anyway... they were true soldiers of democracy.

Personally, I have written, debated, and battled about the issue of youth homelessness since they passed the very first anti-squeegee kid by-law in Canada here in Winnipeg in 1997. The solution may not come soon. First we have to strive towards building a culture where less fortunate youth, and the less fortunate of every age are treated equally. We can start by repealing the squeegee kid by-law and the ubiquitous panhandling by-laws in Canada today.

In the long-term, cities continual ruthlessness against the less fortunate costs... In regards to lives, finances - in every area... They should overhaul the entire 'system' that deals with these things It's ironic that these vagabonds share a few things in common with the hippies of old...

Yes, it's ironic that these citizens have contributed so much to our country - yet they are treated like outlaws. Perhaps that's just the way things work in our rather complex world...

- When will we ever learn?

Rodney Graham felt compelled to help the Winnipeg squeegee kids, so he founded the Street Sheet in 1997. For more information visit StreetSheet.ca.

Unreported News - Security Certificates & The Secret Trial 5

by Richard Clemens

Thanks mostly because of the corporate takeover of the truth, the corporate takeover of our so-called justice system and pretty much the whole planet, the real important news is no longer being reported and investigated with responsibility and integrity but rather manipulated and regurgitated between advertisements and commercials on television and radio. The real important news and the bigger truth is lost somewhere in between, tossed down the memory hole of time and then recycled into more trash, hockey scores and gossip.

Most Canadians have probably never heard of security certificates or "The Secret Trial 5." We don't know because it is not being reported by those reporters who are paid and trusted to find and print these stories. Why are the newspapers and radio stations like the CBC and our Times Colonist not reporting the stories that really matter and what purpose do they play in Victoria and across Canada? How does the way your newspaper or your journalists report the news effect your community and the way you view the world?

Security certificates are legal devices that exist under Canadian immigration law. Under the "Immigration & Refugee Protection Act," CSIS (Canada's "Intelligence" Agency) can detain and/or deport "Canadian non-citizens" who are "thought to pose a threat to Canada on the grounds of national security." These certificates allow for INDEFINITE DETENTION (remember this is under a "Orwellian" law called "Immigration and Refugee PROTECTION Act") without being charged with a crime. It also allows for "secret evidence" that neither the defendants nor their lawyers have ever seen.

If you want to read a book about being detained without knowing what you have done I recommend reading The Trial by Franz Kafka. Two other books I highly recommend to get a picture and sense of where Canada and the world are heading are 1984 by George Orwell and to get a sense of our corporate owned mainstream media I highly recommend Manufacturing Consent by Noam Chomsky. Naomi Klein's Shock Doctrine is very good too These are very dangerous and draconian laws indeed, not the laws you would expect to find in Canada, or are they?

Since 1978, five Canadian men who just happened to be Muslim have been held on security certificates. These five Canadian men spent a total of 26 years in prison without being charged with a crime. They nor their lawyers have seen any physical or any other evidence against them. Yet, Hassan Almrei, Adil Charkaoui, Mohamed Harkat, Mahmoud Jam Jaballah & Mohammad Zeki Mahjoub spent a total of 26 years in Canadian prisons. These men are Canada's 'Secret Trial 5.'

In 2007, the Supreme Court of Canada declared security certificates unconstitutional by violating fundamental civil rights and betraying strong Canadian values and ethics. Yet it still took two years after this Supreme Court decision before the first of these five Canadian men were freed by Canada. As of June 2010, only two of the five security certificates have been removed, while the other three Canadians still live under horrible and intolerable conditions while on house arrest with their families in a state of indefinite detention.

Mahmoud Jaballah is a school principal from Egypt. He fled in 1996 as a refugee. He has six children. Two of these children were born in Canada I believe. Mahmoud spent 6 years in jail without being charged and is now living under house arrest in Toronto with his family. His house arrest includes 24/7 surveillance including cameras in their home, wiretaps on their phones and they are not allowed internet access.

Hassan Almrei is a Syrian born Canadian who spent seven years in jail without being charged with a crime. Much of his imprisonment spent at Millhaven Penitentiary was spent in solitary confinement 23 hrs a day without being charged with a crime and without any evidence. For three years under house arrest he could not open a window without the court's permission. He is now free after being locked away from the world and his family for ten years.

The house arrest conditions put on these men are some of the strictest in Canadian history, one of these conditions is to wear an ankle bracelet 24/7, and things like being followed by CSIS agents on family outings etc. Toronto's Mohammad Zeki asked a judge to send him back to prison because it was so intolerable on his family. Two of these men are or were school teachers.

It is one thing to be investigated and charged based on evidence in a court of law, but to arrest, profile and/or deport fellow Canadians without evidence and while not being charged with a crime is illegal, inhumane and a violation of Canadian and International Laws not to mention morality, ethics, compassion, rule of law, respect. Please write your MPs for more information on Security Certificates in Canada and other draconian and "Orwellian" Canadian laws that our corporate trained reporters and journalists are obviously not reporting but rather distorting and manipulating the truth and democracy.

Richard is a member of The Committee to End Homelessness & Victoria Street Soccer and a guest here on planet Earth. De-Colonize your minds and hearts!! The Truth is Out There. hi'chka (Coast Salish word for thank-you and/or respect).



Ending discrimination against people living in extreme poverty: an update on the 'Safer for All' campaign at City Hall

by Mark Willson



City council is responsible for ensuring the safety of all members of our community. Acting on evidence of systematic police discrimination against any group in our city is a critical part of this responsibility. There is strong evidence that people who are street-involved in Victoria are discriminated against by police, in the many stories of people being moved along, stopped and searched, and having their personal possessions stolen and discarded by police. Some of these stories can be found a recent report by the Vancouver Island Public Interest Research Group (VIPIRG), or in this month's film debut by the Transform Homelessness Advocacy Watch (THAW), and you don't have to look far to hear many others.

This kind of policing of the poor has a name—'social profiling.' This is how the Quebec Human Rights Commission describes it:

"Social profiling occurs in particular when individuals, because they are homeless, are ticketed for minor offences that are rarely, if ever, punished by the police when committed by other citizens (for example, loitering, spitting, dropping cigarette butts, lying on a public bench, being drunk in public, jaywalking, etc.). It is also possible to infer social profiling when police officers behave unsuitably with the homeless, for example by making uncalled-for or offensive remarks concerning their social condition, or by issuing tickets repeatedly. Social profiling also occurs when police officers make unusual decisions concerning the homeless, for example by making identity checks without reasonable grounds or issuing fines that are disproportionate to the seriousness of the offences committed." (Quebec Human Rights Commission, 2009: p.3)

The good news is that there are very effective ways of preventing social profiling, City Hall has the power to put many of these into place, and we can look to other cities in Canada that are taking a lead in making city space safer for everyone. Here are the 'top 2' things we should be looking at:

1. Remove Bylaws That Encourage Social Profiling

In Victoria, these bylaws encourage social profiling and are misused to harass people who are street-involved:

Streets and Traffic Bylaw 10-061, section 103A

(4) ...the City may cause the removal, detention or impounding of any structure, tent, object or thing found on a boulevard or median in contravention of this section.

(5) Between sunset of one day and sunrise on the next day, a person must not:

- (a) occupy a median by squatting, kneeling, sitting, or lying down on it;
- (b) stand or walk on a median except while lawfully crossing a street.

Streets and Traffic Bylaw 09-079, section 102 (AKA Chattel Bylaw)

(1)(a) a person must not place, or cause or permit to be placed or left on, above or in a street, sidewalk or other public place any of the following items:

- (i) an object, obstruction or other thing that is or is likely to be a nuisance
- (3)...the City may cause the removal, detention or impounding of an object, obstruction, or thing unlawfully occupying a portion of a street or public place.

(4) After the detention, removal or impoundment of an object, obstruction, or thing a person entitled to its possession may obtain its release by (b) paying the city the fees prescribed...[\$25-\$100 impound fee, and \$5-\$7/day]

2. 'Non-Discrimination Against People Living in Extreme Poverty' Policy

In January 2012, the City of Montreal announced a 'zero-tolerance' policy on social and racial profiling, which included a committee of officials, police, and other city agencies to make progress reports on improvements in police and service agencies in ending social profiling. As PIVOT pointed out in 2002, a big problem with social profiling is that it's invisible: most abuses simply aren't recorded by police. Because of this, we need tracking mechanisms so we can know what is actually happening on our streets. There are two ways of doing this:

- Contact Cards: these are cards police fill out each time they stop a civilian, with information about the identity (age, race, gender, class) of person being stopped and the reason they are being stopped. This was started by the Kingston police force in 2005.
- Contact Receipts: these are receipts given to people who have been stopped but not charged, so that people have proof that they have been stopped (and about the amount of times they are being stopped) by police. This was recommended by PIVOT in 2002.

This campaign is just getting started, so visit www.vipirg.ca for more info, to offer thoughts, or to collaborate in making Victoria safer for all. Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month at Camas Books, 7pm. See you there.

Mark Willson is Research Coordinator with Vancouver Island's Public Interest Research Group, VIPIRG.ca.

Site C Dam Update

by Don Startin

By the time you get this edition of *Street Newz* the real assessment period for this project will probably have begun. Be looking for a notice in the local papers concerning how and when to make submissions in person or in writing. I strongly recommend that submissions and applications to present in person be made in the form of a handwritten letter sent by registered mail, if you can afford it. My submissions to the pre-assessment stage are not on the public record. Luckily someone else who got one to stick made the same points as I did.

So, folks, it's up to you now. When the commissioners come to Victoria let's see a good turnout. The commissioners are government appointees operating under strict operating rules. They are not allowed even to mention a demonstration on Site C in their findings, just submissions presented according to Hoyle. Also, they are working for us. So, we must treat them with the utmost respect.

Sadly there are significant numbers of people who think the dam should go ahead. We may not like what they have to say, but we must hear them out.

Let's hope that, when the dust settles, what's left of our precious valley will be left undisturbed.



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Ode to the Spell Checker!

Eye halve a spelling chequer
It came with my pea sea
It plainly marques four my revue
Miss steaks eye kin knot sea.

Eye strike a key and type a word
And weight four it two say
Weather eye am wrong oar write
It shows me strait a weigh.

As soon as a mist ache is maid
It nose bee fore two long
And eye can put the error rite
Its rare lea ever wrong.

Eye have run this poem threw it
I am shore your pleased two no
Its letter perfect awl the weigh
My chequer tolled me sew

(Author Unknown)

Like A Blackening Burning Out Star

Colours between black white in gray
full spectrum from noises to nothing
gas/vinagrette/roses and mulch
bacon fry bread baking to coffee/beer brewing
from sharp ache pain to contentment
falling warm swimming to sleep
in heavy feet gravity
floating feet first in breezes
sneezes to tree root electricity and awake...
bubbling popping on tip of tonque
ice-cream curry mint mustard
from tingle to blackboard scream and unnerving
to sudden recognition of car in back
lucky break
fell the right way
in a perfect arc it did not swerve.
'Okay!'
'Yeah!' (hardly)
Someone in hoodie
gets in again
off in car
back up road
number-plate unrecognizable
like a blackening burning out star

© Paul Burnside is a local poet whose home is where he lays his spread. He has been a longtime member of the Committee to End Homelessness in Victoria, Songhees.

John Doe

John Doe died on a cool afternoon
He had not predictions or prayers
His last breath departed into the dim air
Without passengers
Rising and dispersing
From a sidewalk of indifference
It was none for the money
And none for the show
Coffee and smokes
And a long time broke
Consciousness slowly slipping
Beneath a damp arbutus
Dripping

R. Stanley Sapsford



Some Food Resources

GOOD FOOD FRUIT AND VEGGIE BOX 250-893-7635 www.thegoodfoodbox.ca
A non-profit alternative distribution system for sustainably produced fruits and vegetables including local, regional, unsprayed, transitional, and organic produce.

GOOD FOOD BOX - DUNCAN 250-715-1132 www.providence.bc.ca/cgfb.html
Boxes are packed and available on the second Tuesday of each month and must be ordered by the Friday of the previous week

GOLDSTREAM FOOD BANK 250-474-4443 761 Station Ave, V9B 2S1
Required: Picture ID for person collecting. ID for all family members being collected for. Care Cards required for children. Proof of residence in Western Communities (mail, utility bill etc.) Hours: Tues and Wed. 10:00-2:30pm. Open first 3 weeks of the calendar month. Quantity: Based on family size. Availability: Once per month.

MUSTARD SEED 250-953-1575 625 Queens Ave mustardseed.ca/ministries/foodbank
Required: Picture ID for person collecting. ID for all members of family being collected for. Hours: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri. 9:00am-2:00pm. Closed on Wednesdays and the week after IA cheques issued. Quantity: Based on family size. Hampers also available for clients without cooking facilities. Availability: Once per month.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY 250-382-0712 828 View St. svdpvictoria.com
Required: ID for person collecting, and ID for all family members being collected for. Care Cards required for children. Monday-Friday. 8:30am-12 pm, 1 pm-4:15pm. Tuesdays: women and children only. Quantity: Based on family size. Hampers also available for clients without cooking facilities. Availability: Once every 30 days.

ST. JOHN THE DIVINE EMERGENCY FOOD SERVICE 250-383-7169 1611 Quadra St. www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca/page/emergency-food-service-efs
No ID necessary, everyone welcome. Hours: Tues and Fri. 10:00am-12:00pm. Closed the week after IA cheques. Quantity: Single or family sized. Availability: Once per month.

SALT SPRING ISLAND FOOD BANK 250- 537-9971 268 Fulford-Ganges Rd. www.saltspringcommunityservices.ca/foodbank/index.htm
No ID necessary, everyone welcome. Tuesdays. 10:30am-4:00pm. Quantity: Relative to need, preference and family size. Availability: Once per week and on an emergency basis

SIDNEY LIONS FOOD BANK 250-655-0679 9586 Fifth St. sidneyfoodbank.com
Required: Picture ID for person collecting, ID for all family members being collected for. Proof of residence (any mail with Peninsula address). Cloth bags to carry food, if possible. Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri. 9:00am-12:00pm. Closed the last week of the month. Quantity: Based on family size. Availability: Once per month.

SOOKE FOOD BANK 250-642-7666 2037 Shields Rd., across from Mom's Cafe. www.sookefoodbank.com
ID required for person collecting, and ID for all family members being collected for. Care Cards required for children. Proof of residence in Sooke. Hours: First 3 Thursdays of each month. 9:30am-3:00pm. Quantity: Based on family size. Availability: Once per month.

Some Prepared Food Resources

9-10 CLUB standrewscathedral.com 250-884-4459
740 View St. V8W 1J8, Family friendly breakfast Mon-Fri, 8-10 am.

ANAWIM COMPANION SOCIETY www.anawimhouse.com 250-382-0283
973 Caledonia Street V8T 1E7, 19+, laundry, showers, meals, clothing, limited housing spaces. Arrive by 11 am for lunch M-Sat; 2 pm for dinner Weds & Fris.

BURNSIDE GORGE COMMUNITY CENTRE www.burnsidegorge.ca 250.388.5251
471 Cecelia Rd. V8T 4T4, Family friendly lunch Mon 12 pm; Dinner Thurs 5 pm

BEACON BUS
Blanshard Community Centre, 910 Kings Rd. Family friendly Friday dinner @ 5 pm

BLANSHARD COMMUNITY CENTRE www.blanshardcc.com 250-388-7696
901 Kings Rd. V8T 1W5, Family friendly Thursday lunch at noon (\$3 adult, \$1 child)

CARTS www.cartsvictoria.ca
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140 Oswego St, V8V 2B1 Seniors dinners Tues & Thurs @ 5 pm, Family Friendly Community Dinners Weds, approx. every other month. Purchase Tics in advance.

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919 Pandora Ave V8V 3P4. 19+ drop in centre w/computer room, special projects. Open Mon to Fri 7 AM - 5 PM. Breakfast 7-8 AM; Lunch 11:30-12:30; Dinner 4-5 PM

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1-744 Fairview Rd Esquimalt. Past/present sex workers only. Lunch 12-1 pm MF

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ROCK BAY LANDING (formerly Street Link) www.coolaid.org 250-383-1951
535 Ellice St. Tics @ 3:30, Dinner @ 4:00 pm Saturdays, 50 meals for non-residents

SALVATION ARMY www.salvationarmy.ca/index.php/general/34-saarc
525 Johnson St. V8W 1M2 250-384-3396 Family friendly, \$2 Breakfast 8-9 am M-F; \$3 Lunch 11:45-12:30 M-F, Sun; \$4 Dinner 5-5:45 M-F.

SAANICH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLACE www.saanichneighbourhoodplace.com 250-360-1148
3100 Tillicum Rd. V9A 6T2 4th Weds, family friendly dinner @ 6 pm, registration req'd

ST. PETER'S CHURCH 3939 St. Peter Rd 250-384-7757
11-noon, last Sat of each month. #6 bus, across from Keg

SANCTUARY YOUTH CENTRE www.sanctuaryyouth.org 250-385-625-5767
Humboldt V8W 3G6, 19 and under dinner Fridays @ 4 pm

SANDY MERRIMAN HOUSE www.coolaid.org (250) 480-1408
809 Burdett Ave, V8W1B3, Women only, Mon-Sun, Lunch 11:30 am - 4 pm

TAILGATE GRILL
Wharf St. Whale Wall, Family friendly burgers Sundays @3 pm

VICTORIA MIRACLE CENTRE miraclecentre.org 250-370-1974
2033 Belmont V8R-3Z7, Family friendly, Dinner Thursday at 4:45

VICTORIA YOUTH EMPOWERMENT SOCIETY www.vyes.ca (250) 383-3514
533 Yates St, Youth (13-19) only, M-Th, Dinner 5 pm; Snack 8 pm

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First Saturday: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Hall, 680 Courtney St, 8 am

Second Saturday: St. Andrew's Presbyterian Hall, 680 Courtney St, 8 am

Third Saturday: Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church Hall, 1800 Quadra St. 8:30 am

Fourth Saturday: Central Baptist Church, 833 Pandora, 8-10 am

Fifth Saturday: BC Ferry Workers' Union at St. Andrew's Hall, 8:15 am

Sidney Soup Social Community Lunch

Family friendly, 11:30-1:00 pm; free or by donation

Tuesday: St. Elizabeth's Church - 10030 Third St.
Wednesday: St. Andrew's Church - 9691 Fourth St.
Thursday: St. Elizabeth's Church - 10030 Third St.
Saturday: Peace Lutheran - 2295 Weiler Ave.

Meals in Sooke

Mon & Wed: Breakfast 7:30-9 am,
Sooke Baptist Church - 7110 West Coast Rd.

Fridays: Lunch 11:30-1 pm,
Holy Trinity Anglican Church - 1952 Murray Rd.

Mon, Tues, Thurs: Low-cost lunch for seniors
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Co-ordinator's Contribution	107.22	101.79	312.38
Subscriptions	0.00	35.00	210.00
Bread & Roses Donation to SNZ	800.00	800.00	800.00
Total Street Newz Revenue	1321.72	2163.29	1891.88
Street Newz Expenses			
Salaries	800.00	800.00	800.00
Paper & Printing Costs	358.40	358.40	352.80
Office expenses/website	31.19	0.00	0.00
Vendor/Writer Meetings	49.25	23.00	95.00
Postage	62.88	71.89	74.08
Ttl Street Newz Expenses	1301.72	1253.29	1321.88
Street Newz	20.00	910.00	570.00
Bread & Roses Revenue			
Grants (THANKS! Vancity)	5000.00	0.00	0.00
Total Bread & Roses Revenue	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bread & Roses Expenses			
Street Newz Donation	800.00	800.00	800.00
Ttl Bread & Roses Expenses	800.00	800.00	800.00
Bread & Roses	4200.00	-800.00	-800.00
Consolidated Ttl (SNZ + B&R)	4220.00	110.00	-230.00
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